

Onslow County Support Groups and Resources for Parents with Children with Special Needs

Autism Society of North Carolina - The Autism Society of North Carolina strives to create a community where people within the autism spectrum and their families receive respect, services, and supports based on individual differences, needs, and preferences. Contact: local chapter 816-289-1268; 919-743-0204 or 1-800-442-2762 www.autismsociety-nc@org

Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base Schools – educational services for children with special needs living **on Base** at Camp Lejeune. Contact number 910-451-2461 ext. 241 or 220.

Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) - provides early intervention (age birth to three) services for children with developmental delays, medical conditions or genetic conditions who live **off Base**. Contact: 1-866-543-7662

Disability Rights in North Carolina – DRNC is part of a national system of federally mandated independent disability agencies designed to help people across North Carolina gain access to services and opportunity through its advocacy and legal expertise. They regularly challenge systems and society to create positive change and improve the lives of people with disabilities. Website www.disabilityrightsncc.org or contact agency at 888-268-5535 TTY, 877-235-4210, 919-856-2195

Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) - provides early intervention (age birth to three) services for children with developmental delays, medical conditions or genetic conditions who live **on Base** Contact: 910-450-4127

Exceptional Family Member Program - EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program for all active duty personnel with family members with special needs. The goal of EFMP is to assist military families in managing the dual demands of a Marine Corps career and the special needs of a family member. For Camp Lejeune MCCA, contact Amanda Turner at 910-451-4103, website <http://www.mccalejeune.com/efmp/index.html> ; for New River MCAS contact Terry Dressler at 910-449-5247.

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center - statewide resource provides information on special needs and educational rights. Contact: 1-800-962-6817 www.ecac-parentcenter.org

Family Support Network of North Carolina - statewide information line for resources. Contact: 1-800-TLC-0042

Family Support Network of the Crystal Coast - regional parent support information and resource. Contact: Teresa LeRiche @252-675-2751 or 910-347-9754.

Governor Morehead Preschool for Visually Impaired Children – provides developmental evaluations, occupational and physical therapy, orientation and mobility training, Low-vision, pre-Braille and Braille training. Contact: Office of Education Services @ 919-733-6382

Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities - a volunteer advocacy group working to improve quality of life for individuals with special needs in Jacksonville and surrounding Onslow County. Contact Carmen Miracle @ 910-938-5224

NACCRRRA EFMP Respite Program – respite care for military families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program with children with special needs. This program is coordinated by the Onslow County Partnership for Children and serves active duty military stationed Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, New River Marine Corps Air Station and Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Qualified families may receive up to 40 hours of free respite care per month. Contact number: 910-938-0336.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY) - national resource information and referrals. Contact: 1-800-695-0285 or www.NICHCY.org

Onslow Carteret Behavioral Healthcare Services - nationally accredited local management entity serving individuals in need of mental health, developmental disability or substance abuse services. Call 910-219-8000; crisis line 910-219-3611; toll-free 1-888-737-0326

Onslow County Health Department - offers many services designed to protect and promote the health and well-being of children and families in our community. Contact: 910-347-2154

Onslow County Schools – information about evaluation and educational services for children with special needs (preschool and K-12). Contact number 910-455-2211.

PARENTSS (Positive Action for Recreational & Educational Needs of Today's Special Needs) - provides modified bowling/softball/T-ball leagues, support meetings, holiday parties, etc. Call John or Rena Schobel at 757-714-4077 or Sharon Wojcuich at 910-324-4031.

PEERS (Parent Education, Empathy, Rapport and Support) Family Development Center - Community supported program aimed at promoting the growth and development of families. PEERS offers: Parenting Curriculums, Adolescent Parenting Program, Parents as Teachers Support Program and Free Drop-In Child Care (reservations required). Contact number: 910-938-5447.

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. - provides education, free testing, genetic counseling, referral & follow up, patient case management, patient transportation and financial assistance. Contact: 1-800-826-1314

Special Education Alliance (SEAL) - families advocate for children's educational needs. Contact: Wendy Boyd @ 910-599-3969 or webo5ksod@yahoo.com

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) - information and resources for military families with special needs. Contact: 1-800- 5 PARENT or www.stompproject.org